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THE ALLIES DESTROY GERMAN TRENCHES

ROBBERS HOLD UP AND ROB NEW YORK TRAIN--STREET CAR WRECK AT DETROIT

ROBBERS LOOT SILK TRAIN AND GET AWAY WITH RICH SPOILS

50,000 WORTH OF SILK TAKEN OFF TRAIN AND CARRIED OFF IN MOTOR TRUCKS--TRIED TO LOCK CREW UP IN BOXCAR--ENGINEER ESCAPED AND GAVE ALARM.

(Special to The Daily News)
Buffalo, N. Y., April 15.—Twelve robbers held up a New York General fast freight at Sanborn, near here today. A cargo of silk valued at \$50,000 was taken and loaded on motor trucks. The engine was then disconnected from the train and the robbers attempted to lock the crew up in a boxcar. The engineer, however, escaped and reached the engine under a fusillade from the robbers and made a record run for eight miles to give the alarm. The robbers are still at large.

MILITARY GRAFT IS DISGRACE TO CANADA

The revelations at Ottawa have revealed the fact that the enormous amount of money which has been borrowed by Canada to assist in carrying on the war has been very considerably swelled by enormous and illegitimate commissions paid to heelers of the government in connection with the purchase of military supplies. A \$9,000 item for commission on surgical supplies obtained by a clerk in the office of Mr. Garfield M. P., has been returned. How many hundreds of thousands of dollars have not yet been paid of, and will never be repaid. The commission to the company on field glasses was nothing less than a rascality. As usual, the Conservative members of Parliament on the committee investigating these things shown great astuteness in endeavoring to cover up everything that might reflect upon the government. Mr. T. M. Birkett, one of the most prominent Conservatives at Ottawa, and on a number of occasions a candidate for Parliament, appears to have made a big haul out of the field glass purchases. The whole matter is disgraceful to Canada, and reflects no credit upon the government. A number of persons from whom goods were to be bought was given by General Hughes to the military authorities all through Canada. The report of the committee will be awaited with interest.—Vancouver Evening Journal.

RESERVOIR BURSTS--EIGHT LIVES LOST

(Special to The Daily News)
Holbrook, Ariz., April 15.—The reservoir at Lyman broke at midnight drowning eight persons. The reservoir at Hunt is also threatened, being right in the path of the flood, while the town of Woodruff is also in danger.

WHO WILL START?

The suggestion of Mr. Morley Donaldson with regard to securing a wharf for deep-sea ships at Rupert should be followed up. The Dominion government already holds a splendid piece of waterfront along Morse Creek and there is no reason why it should not be improved. Prince Rupert will never need to have her harbor dredged as has been done at Vancouver, Victoria and St. John. This being so, it would only be right if the government gave us a grant to improve even our rugged townsite. At any rate, harbor improvements in the shape of substantial wharf and warehouses are an urgent necessity if this port is to take its place in international trade, and the government should be urged to do something. Who will be the first to start a public movement in this direction?

THE SOUTHERN GIRL.

Some one has said that when God made the Southern girl He sent His angel messengers throughout all the star-strewn realms of space to gather all there was of beauty and brightness, of enchantment, of glamour. When those angels had returned from their harvesting of beauty and threw down their glittering burdens at His feet He began in their wondering presence the work of fashioning the Southern girl. He wrought with the gold and gleam of the stars, shifting glories of rainbow hues and the pallid silver of a Southern moon. He wrought with the crimson which swooned in the rose's rubicund heart, with the pure sweet snow which gleamed from the lily's

ALLIES MAKE GAINS ON WESTERN FRONTIER

(Special to The Daily News)
Paris, April 15.—(Official) At Laboiselle, our heavy artillery completely wrecked the German trenches by shell. In the Argonne we showed our growing ascendancy by taking trenches. We took trenches in the Ailly Woods, commanding the roads. We maintained our gains and resisted counter attacks in the forest of Lapretre. In Alsace, north of La Lauche we advanced one mile.

AFTER SEWARD'S TRADE.

The Board of Trade has decided to take time by the forelock and go right after a portion of the trade of Seward. A meeting of the executive council is called for Friday afternoon at 2:30 at their rooms on Second Avenue to consider the best means of doing this. It is proposed to conduct an active campaign immediately so as to be among the first in the field. With our direct rail connection with the Eastern markets there is no reason why Prince Rupert should not be able to secure a goodly portion of this trade.

MAY MAKE SHELLS IN RUPERT--COLONEL CARNEGIE SENDS WIRE

AT SOLICITATION OF BOARD OF TRADE HE WANTS INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE.

The Board of Trade has received a reply to the wire sent yesterday to Col. Carnegie, who is investigating conditions in this province for making war materials for the British war office. The contents of the wire would indicate that something may be done along this line in Prince Rupert. The following is the wire received:
D. G. Stewart, president Board of Trade, Prince Rupert:
Many thanks for invitation to visit Prince Rupert. Regret that I am unable to at present time. Please send full particulars of

ITALIANS FAVOR WAR BUT POLICE DIFFER

(Special to The Daily News.)
Milan, Italy, April 15.—The funerals of the victims of Sunday's disorders took place today and the entire garrison turned out to prevent a repetition of the disorders. The trouble arose when the police attempted to disperse a mass meeting in favor of entering the war. Several workmen died from the result of the wounds they had received.

MILITARY CONCERT.

A concert will be given in the Westholme Theatre on April 27th for the benefit of the First Contingent from Prince Rupert. It will be entirely of local talent. The boys of the 68th Regiment Earl Grey's Own Rifles will be present and give an exhibition of their skill. The intention is to raise funds to supply the boys at the front with tobacco and cigarettes. The concert will be of the same high order that has been recently seen in this city and the object is worthy of every citizen's support.

STREET CAR ACCIDENT WAS RESULT OF INEXPERIENCE

FOURTEEN WERE KILLED AND TWENTY-EIGHT INJURED BY COLLISION WITH A TRAIN--MOTORMAN MISTOOK SIGNAL

(Special to The Daily News.)
Detroit, April 15.—Owing to the inexperience of a student motorman fourteen persons were killed, including ten women, in a collision between a street car and a freight train on the tracks of the Detroit-Toledo railway in the west end of this city. Twenty-eight others were injured, three of whom may die. The motorman misunderstood the signal and ran across the track in front of the train. The wreckage was carried a hundred yards. It was several hours before all were extricated.

BRITISH TRAWLERS TAKEN BY GERMANS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Muiden, Holland, April 15.—Local owners of trawlers have been notified that four of their vessels, flying the Dutch flag, have been seized by German warships and taken to Cuxhaven.

VOTES FOR SOLDIERS

It was quite right on the part of the Liberals to protest at the plan suggested by the Borden government for taking the vote of the soldiers at the front. Their idea was to have each man fill in the ballot in front of a commissioned officer. No one believes that the men at the front should be disfranchised but it is quite in order to object to the method employed. It is evident that the value of the secret balance would be at once lost, but why have an election at all at present, when the chances are that the soldiers will be home next year. Liberals say that the men who proved dishonest in making boots for the soldiers and buying horses for the army couldn't be trusted with the matter of votes. But to make it a little broader, is it right that any government should be trusted in such a case? Isn't it putting just a little too much responsibility on human weakness? Why not play the game on the square? The boys at the front would probably divide pretty equally anyway.

CHEMICALS TO BE MADE IN AMERICA

Washington, D. C., April 15.—American chemical companies are bending every effort toward supplying textile mills and other industries using artificial dyes with home products to replace German dyestuffs, shut off by the European war. Reports to the Department of Commerce just made public show that at least six plants are in course of construction for the manufacture of the coal-tar derivatives on which the colors used in cloth manufacture, varnishes and other products are based. Approximately \$6,000,000 is to be expended, and within a few months it is estimated that much of the material for the simpler dyes, which heretofore was purchased in Germany at a cost of \$12,000,000 annually, will be turned out in the United States. The more complicated chemicals, however, will require a greater length of time to develop.

Can Save \$100,000,000 a Year.

A report of the dyestuff situation, called for by a resolution of Congress, was given out yesterday by the department. It was compiled by Thomas H. Norton, a commercial agent of the department, who formerly served as consul in Germany and is familiar with the industry. Mr. Norton estimates that American coke ovens are wasting annually \$100,000,000 in by-products that could be saved and employed in other industries, it having been preferred heretofore to depend on German chemicals rather than develop an American dyestuff supply. The coke industry, the report states, could produce twenty times as much coal tar as the world needs for dyes.

For Bureau of Information.
A proposal is now being considered for the creation of a bureau of information on the dyestuff industry in the department. (Continued on Page Four.)

THE WEATHER.

By P. W. Dowling, Observer.
(5 a. m., April 15, 1915.)
Barometer 30.024
Max. temp. 50.0
Min. temp. 40.0
Rainfall 35

WHAT THE BEAVER SAYS.

A photograph of a beaver which has felled a tree, after weeks of persistent gnawing, is published by the Canada Lumberman and Woodworker. This captain of industry is described as "a successful descendant of the pioneer lumberman of North America." On being interviewed recently as to his view on the lumbering situation, he said:
"Our family still controls very extensive tracts of virgin timber, and, as we do not require financial assistance from the banks, we are retaining our skins, and our season's operations will be about normal."
"To what do you attribute your success, Mr. Beaver?"
"To the fact that we never did more business than we could finance ourselves. Being both free to work and manage our own business, instead of being worried to death by the banks about finan-

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